

House Resolution No. 2676

Whereas, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Caruthersville School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2004, with the retirement of Superintendent of Schools Olin L. Parks who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an administrator; and

Whereas, Olin Parks has worked for nine years in the Caruthersville School District, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Olin Parks first distinguished himself by serving as Superintendent of Schools in the Lathrop R-II School District for four years; and

Whereas, Olin Parks has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as an administrator and as a friend; and

Whereas, Olin Parks has also enjoyed recognition as Commander of VFW Post 4680 in Caruthersville and as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Olin Parks has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Lemira L. Parks, and two children, Susan E. Cherrington and James O. Parks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Caruthersville School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Olin Parks has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Olin L. Parks, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2676, adopted May 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker